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# Making T.O. one of the safest cities for cyclists

**Streets.** Plan to lower speed limits could put us on track with world's most bike-friendly places

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A provincial proposal to reduce residential speed limits would put Toronto in line with the safest cycling cities in the world, activists say.

"The No. 1 way to reduce fatalities and serious injures is to lower the speed limit," said Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb, who wants Toronto to take a page from Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Known as the world's safest places for pedallers, those cities have speed limits at or below what the province is considering.

In Copenhagen, there are even streets where the limit is a mere 15 km/h. It's unlikely anything that extreme will come to Toronto, but Ontario is toying with the idea of reducing the default speed limit to 40 km/h. There's also talk of letting cities set their own limits below the current 50 km/h.

While making streets safer for bicycles involves everything from attitudes to infrastructure, speed undoubtedly plays a role: A cyclist hit by a car travelling at 45 km/h is nearly twice as likely to die as one hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 km/h, according to Kolb.

Lower speeds also make streets more attractive to cyclists, Kolb says. On Shaw Street, for example, coupling a lower speed limit with a bike lane has made the road more popular with cyclists than drivers.

Copenhagen and Amsterdam have some of the highest cycling rates in the world.

In the Dutch capital, roughly 60 per cent of trips in the inner city are made by bicycle.

That has led to even safer streets, with numerous studies showing fatalities or injuries go down as the volume of cyclists on the road goes up.

"It is likely that causation runs in both directions: Safer cycling encourages more cycling, and more cycling encourages greater safety," says John Pucher, author of the 2012 book City Cycling.

**How safe are cities?**

**Dr. John Pucher's book, City Cycling, compares cities based on the number of annual fatalities per 10,000 cyclists. Here's how some notable cities rank:**

- Copenhagen: 0.3
- Amsterdam: 0.4
- Paris: 0.8
- Vancouver: 0.9
- **Toronto: 1.3**
- Montreal: 2.0
- New York: 3.8

**Road fatalities**

**In 2013, there were 63 deaths on Toronto roadways. Of those, 40 were pedestrians and five were cyclists.**

# Calling on all local winter pedallers

Cyclist Jared Kolb insists "there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing."

The director of Cycle Toronto bikes throughout the year, and will be on hand Saturday to lead the city's annual Coldest Day of the Year Ride.

"It's really a celebration of winter cycling, and an opportunity for people who don't normally ride in the winter to try it out," he said.

The event starts at 11:45 a.m. at the southern gates to Trinity Bellwoods Park. Participants will head east along the new protected bike lane on Adelaide — described by Kolb as "a big win for cyclists" — and end up at Metro Hall on Wellington Street.

About 200 people have signed up to attend the event on Facebook, including Ward 20 Coun. Joe Cressy.

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# Super Bowl special

## KATY'S ON THE BALL

**Katy Perry is introduced at a news conference in Phoenix on Thursday for the Super Bowl XLIX Halftime Show, where she will be performing. Four pages of coverage inside: The recipes, the players, the coaches.** CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

## CRTC bans subbing out of U.S. ads

Searching the Internet for the American Super Bowl commercials Canadians don't get on TV has become a national pastime, but that's about to change

Five years of Google search data shows that every year, more Canadians search for Super Bowl commercials than Americans. And our searches outnumber our giant neighbour to the south mostly around game day, when Canadian broadcasters have been subbing out splashy American ads for Canadian ones.

That hunger for U.S. ads is why the CRTC announced Thursday it will stop Canadian broadcasters from subbing in Canadian ads for American ones during the Super Bowl as of 2017.

"The best commercials are coming from the U.S., where they have more skin in the game, given what they're paying for advertising," said Kenneth Wong, a marketing professor at Queen's School of Business. "In fact, many of the Canadian ads shown at the Super Bowl are just regular ads, nothing special done for the Super Bowl."

In the meantime, it's become more important for Super Bowl ads to make the most of the buzz online, he said. More companies are making "teasers," which are essentially online ads for their Super Bowl ads.

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# Meet the pup of Bay Street

**Finance.** Teen picked up his interest in the stock market when he was in Grade 8

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Brandon Fleisher has got a solid start in stock market investing at the young age of 17. The Grade 12 student at Toronto's Upper Canada College has, within a year, doubled his initial investment of $50,000.
DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Call him the pup of Bay Street.

At 17, Brandon Fleisher understands the ins and outs of stock markets like a, well, wolf.

The Grade 12 student at Toronto's Upper Canada College has, within a year, doubled his initial investment of $50,000. He also started a company through which he offers free analysis of different stocks and markets.

Fleisher picked up an interest in the world of stock exchanges when he was in Grade 8.

"In a math class, we all had to pick a stock and grow the most out of it by the end of the year," he said.

"I did very well, then started playing virtual stock-exchange games with fake money, and it really gave me the thrill."

Not too long after, Fleisher started spending entire days combing through companies' financial reports and studying balance sheets.

It took about two years of balancing school workload and his passion for running a virtual portfolio before he got the chance to invest real money. Fascinated by his success and skills in the markets, Fleisher's parents gave him money to setup an account with a broker.

"I worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest the real money in my portfolio," he said, explaining that he was making big profits in the fake money trade, where he invested in Netflix and Tesla.

He has since broadened his network of investors, and his company, The Financial Bulls, is now operated with him as CEO and other people his age offering financial advice.

So what's the secret to his success? Fleisher said it's simple: Find companies that are growing and profitable and have the patience to stay invested for a good while.

It also helps if you're a bit of a whiz kid too.

"I really do like investing. I don't really see it as a burden," he said. "When I am doing investments, it's not as if I need to take a break at any point at all."

**At a glance**

**What's hot:**

- **Mobile advertising:** Everyone's browsing on their phones, and that's unlikely to change, Brandon Fleisher said.
- **Tech companies:** The Internet continues to be a winner and people will continue to make money from the sector.
- **Airlines:** They tend to have stability in their financial reports.

**What's not so hot:**

- **TV companies:** People are using computers and phones, instead of televisions, to tune in, Fleisher said.
- **Oil industries:** The ups and downs of oil prices may be a recipe for disaster.
- **Tool supply industries:** Fleisher's dad runs a scrap metal business. "He says it's not good," Fleisher said. "I have to take his word on it."

**Social media**

## Toronto lawyers use Facebook to free man from harsh sentence

When justice wasn't served inside a Sarnia courtroom this month, an unconventional appeal was spontaneously mounted in a much-less-hallowed hall: An online comment thread.

On Jan. 15, James Trevor Munroe, 23, was slapped with a year in jail after pleading guilty to possessing just over three ounces of marijuana for trafficking, a relatively small amount that typically garners a 30- or 60-day sentence.

But the federal prosecutor, Munroe's lawyer and even the judge, who called the sentence "extremely harsh," said their hands were tied. Canada's new mandatory minimum sentencing laws said the penalty must be one year in jail.

Within days, a ragtag defence team composed of Toronto lawyers and prosecutors serendipitously assembled on Facebook, at first decrying the steep sentencing before discovering the amount of marijuana did not even qualify for mandatory minimum sentencing.

After the mistake was brought to the attention of a federal prosecutor in charge of Ontario's criminal appeals unit — again on Facebook — Munroe was released on bail, just over a week into his year-long stint.

Munroe had 97 grams, or 3.4 ounces, of marijuana, and a recent prior drug trafficking conviction. But according to the legislation, there must be three kilograms of marijuana to warrant a mandatory minimum sentence of one year, even with the previous trafficking conviction.

Several lawyers piped in, linking to the law online and saying the mandatory minimum didn't apply in the case. "Someone get this fellow bail," one said.

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# Major crime down, but police budget up

The jumble of charts and "performance" statistics in the Toronto police presentation to the budget committee Thursday left at least one new city councillor scratching his head.

Toronto's major-crime rate has declined 27 per cent since 2005, but the police budget has risen by 37 per cent, noted John Campbell.

During that time, the number of officers has remained virtually the same, 5,229 in 2005 and 5,231 in 2014, yet there were 12,000 fewer charges laid in the major-crime categories, including murder, sex assault and robbery.

"How do you justify that level of officers ... when crime is down by such a substantial level?" Campbell asked representatives of the Toronto Police Service. They were at city hall to give the politicians an overview of the proposed $1.15-billion police budget, 90 per cent of which goes to salaries and benefits.

Alok Mukherjee, chairman of the seven-member civilian oversight board, said crime data alone does not give an accurate picture of what the police service does.

"We need to get beyond crime indicators," Mukherjee said.

Deputy Chief Peter Sloly said the level of officers is justified for many reasons. Despite the downward trend in crime, there was a three per cent uptick last year in some crime categories, including sex assault and auto theft, he said.

"The simple equation — crime down, crime up, police budget up, police budget down — doesn't work," he told reporters after the meeting.

Sloly also cited claims of a rise in the level of unreported crimes across the country, a rise in new "safety threats," including cyber-crime, and the growing complexity of bringing cases to court.

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Trustee Ausma Malik warns that schools are also used as community hubs, but may appear near-empty according to the ministry's formula.

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# Schools not under-used: Public board

**Education.** Queen's Park wants city to spell out plans for closing some facilities

Is a school half-full or half-empty?

That depends on how you measure.

As the Toronto District School Board scrambles to name schools that are less than two-thirds full by Queen's Park's counting method, many are asking how good that provincial yardstick is.

Education Minister Liz Sandals has given the TDSB just weeks to spell out plans for closing schools over the next three years that are under-used by the province's reckoning — which counts only full-time K-12 students, not extras such as child care and parenting programs that may share space.

"It would be a disaster if we closed Burnhamthorpe Collegiate, for example (only 35 per cent full with teenaged students)," said trustee Chris Glover, "because the building is absolutely packed with almost 1,000 adult students going back to get high school credits. But the ministry doesn't consider this space as being used, because they're adults."

Sandals has ordered the TDSB to start offloading excess space, after a damning report by veteran educator Margaret Wilson criticized trustees for dragging their heels on school closings, when 130 schools are considered less than 65 per cent full.

But when staff released the list of under-used schools Wednesday, many warned against snap decisions based on "utilization rate" numbers alone.

"I don't think it tells the whole story," warned trustee Ausma Malik. "The minister herself and the premier have talked about our schools as community hubs, and so many of our schools are being used in that way," but they appear near-empty under the ministry's formula.

"Blake Street Junior Public School is listed as 45 per cent full, but we've just added French Immersion and it's projected to grow to 86 per cent," said trustee Jennifer Story.

Eastdale Collegiate may be only 32 per cent full, but many of its students have been referred from larger schools that couldn't meet their needs.

"Some schools focus on life skills," said Story, "but we could lose this kind of site by strict adherence to the province's utilization guidelines."

An exasperated Sandals said Thursday that she realizes that being listed as under-utilized doesn't necessarily mean it must close. But with Ontario spending more than $1 billion a year on under-utilized schools provincewide, "we need more detailed information about what their plans are (by) Feb. 13."

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# Eco concerns motivate store owner

**Retail.** Antique shopping and philanthropy under one roof in new shop

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The owner of Toronto's newest and "biggest" consignment store says he's doing more than launching a business.

He's launching an environmentally friendly, charity-supporting design movement.

Kirill Zaretsky, 38, wants to change the consignment model, increase charity donations, reduce waste in landfills and give people a more eclectic place to shop.

He opened Elle & Eve — a 10,000-square-foot furniture and design store — after watching charity donations take a dive in recent years in his previous role as head fundraiser at a non-profit.

"We noticed as the economy started to get worse and worse, the first thing people cut down on is their charitable donations. We had to figure out a different way to raise money," said Zaretsky.

So, he launched a pilot project, asking for donations of high-quality merchandise. He then flipped the items and kept the profit.

It started making money, and Zaretsky got the idea to start a consignment store where the profits would go to a charity.

**Quoted**

**"There's a major environmental problem going on right now, with baby boomers downsizing. Where is all there stuff going to go? It's going to go into landfills."**

Kirill Zaretsky, owner of Elle & Eve

At Elle & Eve, the money is split 50/50 between the store and donors, and donors can choose what charity — any charity — gets their half of the profits.

"We'll support a hockey team; as long as it's doing good in the world, we're happy to support it," Zaretsky said.

People can also go the traditional consignment route and keep their half of the sale.

With various rooms at various price points, he wants the store to have something for everyone. The goal is to help people break away from cookie-cutter home decor.

"I'm a big believer in individualism, that people shouldn't go to the same stores and have the same look in their home," he said.

The store mixes antiques with art deco and modern pieces to create a "signature look."

"It's all about self-expression," Zaretsky said.

At his new consignment store, Kirill Zaretsky, 38, is hoping to upcycle quality used furniture while raising money for charities. The store is at 50 Samor Rd., just north of Dufferin and Lawrence. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

# SmartTrack complicates Scarborough subway plans

Coun. Joe Mihevc says the city's desire to consult the public is genuine.
ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Residents, who watched in fury as city politicians flip-flopped on a subway or LRT, are now being asked for their views on what the Scarborough subway extension should look like when it opens around 2023.

Toronto planners begin public consultations on Saturday to gather input on nine potential subway corridors, even though construction doesn't start for another three years.

Eventually, the specifics of routes and stops will be recommended by city officials and ultimately approved by council.

In the meantime, Toronto's desire to consult the public is genuine, said Coun. Joe Mihevc, who sits on the TTC board. It is also complicated.

The complication — in this case — is the need to insert Mayor John Tory's SmartTrack plan into the Scarborough transit scenario.

The city has already expanded the area it is studying for a subway extension east, from the originally envisioned McCowan Road, to Markham Road. Planners have to give themselves enough room to recommend a route that won't risk SmartTrack trains on the nearby Stouffville GO tracks cannibalizing the expensive subway's ridership.

But moving the subway further from the GO tracks has its own issues, said transit blogger Steve Munro, who still believes the city should be building the LRT.

"Going further east (with the subway), immediately you have problems with the line becoming more expensive because you're adding mileage," he said.

The Markham Road corridor, for example, would mean a nine-kilometre subway. That's about 50 per cent longer than the McCowan route council envisioned in 2013 when it approved the project over a seven-stop LRT to replace the aging Scarborough RT.

Extra kilometres could add another $1 billion to the subway's already hefty estimated $3-billion tab.

There's also the commonsense objection to the proposed Bellamy and Markham corridors, which would require the subway to travel east and then double back west to stop at the Scarborough Centre.

"The key thing is Scarborough Town Centre. That's the node and that is the thing that has to be thought through," said Mihevc. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## Dog days are over for downtown superclub

Movers move statue of a large dog from the now-defunct Guvernment/Kool Haus nightclub complex on Thursday. The establishment is being dismantled piece-by-piece as people snap up electronics, speakers, lights, furniture — anything that is not screwed down. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# T.O. vegetarian food bank a go

**Downtown.** Mission to provide alternative to people who need help filling their cupboards with things other than canned vegetables or meat

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The table is set for the launch of Toronto's vegetarian food bank.

After months of planning, consulting and fetching for funds, Mathew Noble and his team are in the final stages of setting up shop and serving veggie and vegan-friendly food at the Yonge Street Mission.

A grand opening is planned for Saturday. Noble said he'll spend the morning at the Ontario Food Terminal Board, buying fresh vegetarian groceries.

He already has a good stock of non-perishable items ready for the offering, including tofu, dry lentils, beans, brown rice, bread, spaghetti and soy milk.

The food bank aims to provide an alternative to people who need help filling their cupboards but want to do it with things other than canned vegetables or meat.

Noble's hope is to provide food that is at least 50 per cent fresh.

"We will serve people who are already vegetarian or vegan or those who are actively trying to transition," he said.

There will be enough food to serve between 50 and 75 people on the first day, Noble said.

The plan is to start offering food on the last Saturday of every month, then make adjustments according to the need.

"If we get to a point where we can do twice a month, that would be great," he said.

Noble launched an online fundraising campaign in November to pay for his effort. He raised $5,000 and also got financial help from Rawcology, which offers classes on preparing raw and vegan meals.

About 15 people have contacted Noble offering to help out on opening day. And, whatever happens Saturday, Noble is determined to plow ahead.

"We will continue to look for sponsorship and fundraising events to expand the project," he said.

**Quoted**

**"People can choose to go vegetarian due to health reasons, because they're against animal cruelty, or for environmental reasons."**

Mathew Noble, founder, Toronto Vegetarian Food Bank

# Toronto's vagina industry growing

**Beauty.** City sees growing demand for skin-lightening and exfoliating treatments aimed at 'lady-bits'

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To the list of things Gwyneth Paltrow wants to teach you, add: How to pamper your vagina.

The celebrity-turn-lifestyle blogger drew the ire of health professionals this week when she claimed herbal vagina steams will cleanse your uterus and balance "female hormone levels."

Deemed "bogus" by some doctors, Paltrow's claims nevertheless highlight the very existence of a so-called V-steam, which itself is just one corner of the rising vagina industry.

In Toronto, treatments for lady parts have arguably never been more popular.

Fuzz Wax Bar, where Brazilian waxes are by far the most popular treatment, opened its third city location Friday and has 2,000 members, or regular waxers.

In December it introduced the "vajacial" — a facial for the vagina.

"We saw there was a growing need for extra care for down there from women," based on feedback from clients and staff, said Jessica Framppon, Fuzz co-founder. "A lot of girls were suffering from ingrown hairs or acne."

**Products, like this one available at Fuzz Wax Bar, are just part of the growing industry of nether-region spa treatments and skin care available in Toronto.** CONTRIBUTED

**Quoted**

## "The demand for this is going crazy."

**Alaa Abbassi, Allure Body Spa,** on vaginal "skin bleaching."

The $50 vajacial is now a regular service, she says, with at least one booking a day. It includes exfoliation, tweezing, a "high-frequency wand" to get at deep ingrown hairs, and moisturizing.

"You see the results right away," Framppon said.

At Allure Body Bar, meanwhile, women are opting for down-there "skin bleaching" — a $75 procedure that lightens the skin colour by one to four shades, said spa founder Alaa Abbassi.

"The demand for this is going crazy," she added.

The spa sees between one and four clients a day for the treatment and fields up to six calls daily from the curious.

"A lot of people are taking care of their nether-regions, their lady-bits. It's a very popular treatment for men as well," Abbassi said.

**Health**

## Ontario sees record organ donation

Ontario set a new record for organ donations last year that helped save more than 1,000 lives, an agency for organ, tissue and transplant donations said Thursday.

Trillium Gift of Life Network, which co-ordinates deceased donations in the province, said there was an 18 per cent increase in organ donations from the year before. Ronnie Gavsie, the president of Gift of Life, said publicly disclosing hospital donation performance has been "a game-changer." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Investigation**

## T.O. man facing 18 fraud charges

A Toronto man is facing a string of charges in connection with a bankruptcy fraud investigation. RCMP say the 18 charges against Alex Petrou, 57, are related to allegations of fraud and abuse of the bankruptcy process. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Transit reinvestment good, but just not good enough

**BUDGET DECODER**

**Day 5.** TTC service will get better, but Toronto still lags behind other cities— which means Ottawa and Queen's Park have to chip in

MATT ELLIOTT
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Of all the stories coming out of city hall in the last four years — and, to be fair, a lot were crazy — one of the most overlooked was the devastating impact a series of cuts had on the TTC.

It started in 2011 when Mayor Rob Ford moved to reduce the service's operating subsidy, money that comes from city hall to supplement fare-box revenue.

The TTC's subsidy was already the lowest of any large urban transit system in North America. But the cuts came anyway.

The 2011 cut was only about $1 million, but it led to bigger cuts. The TTC's subsidy declined by another $18 million in 2012. To make up the difference, the TTC reduced service on several routes and rolled back "loading standards" across the system.

In basic terms, that meant redefining the definition of what constitutes a transit vehicle that's reached capacity. The result? That sardine-can feeling you experience every day as you try to get around.

Toronto's draft 2015 budget is notable in that it admits those service cuts were a bad thing and takes steps to fix them. It includes $95 million in new spending, including a reversal of the Ford-era service cuts and a pledge to provide 10 minute or better bus and streetcar service on major routes.

Some of the new costs will be paid for through an increase to the TTC's operating subsidy, which is set to increase to $479 million, an all-time high. The rest of the new investments will be covered through the fare box, with a 10-cent fare hike.

All of this is good news, if not great news.

Even the fare increase is at least somewhat understandable, given that it comes with service increases.

If there's a dispiriting element, it's that even with such large-scale improvements, Toronto still lags way behind.

People often wonder why Toronto doesn't have a transit system as good as New York's or Chicago's, but there's no mystery to it. It's spelled out in the transit budget.

To get to the per-rider subsidy provided in New York, the TTC's total subsidy would need to go up by $100 million from where it's projected to be in 2015. To reach Chicago's level, we'd need to spend over $400 million more.

Facing so many other budget constraints, Toronto is never going to be able to fund things to that level by itself.

With the city government finally making plans to invest in service again, the next step is to turn to the provincial and federal governments and ask when they plan to get on board with funding.

**Some perspective**

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**Decoder series**

**This is the final part of a series examining the proposed 2015 Toronto budget and explaining what all those numbers are really about.**

# City spending thousands on heightened security

The city has spent more than $300,000 on increased security at municipal buildings after attacks in Ottawa and Quebec.

The cost of keeping city hall and other city-run facilities under restricted access is $24,000 a week, the city confirmed Thursday.

If the city continues with its enhanced security program, by the end of this year it will have paid more than $1.4 million.

"We are working to balance the high priority we place on ensuring a safe and secure environment for the public, councillors and employees with fiscal due diligence," spokeswoman Wynna Brown said in an email. "These challenges, given the increased threat level, are not unique to Toronto."

After an armed gunman stormed Parliament Hill in October and a Canadian solider was killed in a Quebec attack, the city moved to an "enhanced security level." That move was in response to the attacks and the federal government increasing the domestic terrorism threat level from "low" to "medium," Brown said.

Coun. Gord Perks, who asked for clarification of the security costs, said he is not aware of any specific threats being levelled against city buildings.

"What I've been told is that we are doing this in response to the federal government putting out an alert to other governments," Perks said. "The position of the corporate security department within the City of Toronto is we will keep them in place until the federal government decides to lift the security advisory to government buildings."

It's not clear how many guards are currently staffed to provide the extra security, their rate of pay or the number of hours worked.

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**Entrances and exits**

**The most apparent change at City Hall has been the lockdown-style operation of all entrances and exits. Since October, lone security guards hired by the city have been stationed at various entryways. Only the main entrance off Nathan Phillips Square has been publicly accessible without a city-issued security card.**

A security guard takes shelter under an overhang on Thursday, as snow falls on Nathan Phillips Square. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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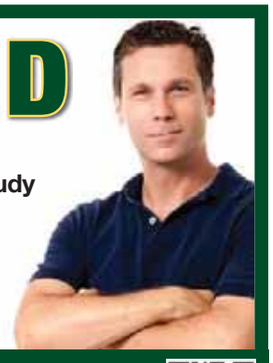

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# Losing $13M in seven seconds

**Lottery.** Supreme Court decides against hearing Joel Ifergan's argument that a delay in processing his Super 7 ticket cost him dearly

Joel Ifergan stands beside a copy of his lottery ticket Thursday at his home. Ifergan claims he is owed $13 million for having the winning numbers, but the ticket was printed seven seconds after the deadline. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A lot can happen in seven seconds. Just ask the Quebec man who says that brief period cost him $13.5 million.

Joel Ifergan bought two lottery tickets in May 2008, but the one with the eventual winning combination popped out of the terminal seven seconds after the 9 p.m. deadline.

As Ifergan discovered the next day, his Super 7 ticket had all the right numbers but was actually dated for the following week. A delay in Loto-Quebec's computer system caused a lag in the issuing of the ticket for that night's $27-million jackpot, which was ultimately awarded to another person.

Ifergan argued the delay cost him dearly and that he should be entitled to one-half of the windfall — but the Supreme Court disagreed.

On Thursday, the country's highest court ruled it wouldn't hear his case against Loto-Quebec, effectively ending Ifergan's $100,000 legal battle. He'd already lost in Quebec Superior Court in 2012 and in the Quebec Court of Appeal in 2014.

"My crusade is up, I've done all I can, I spent enough money going to the Supreme Court," Ifergan said in a telephone interview.

"If they decide that the Crown corporations are above contract laws and the Consumer Protection Act, well then good luck to us. I'm extremely disappointed, but I think what's more important is the Canadian people should be worried."

As the 9 p.m. deadline loomed on May 23, 2008, Ifergan made the purchase: The first ticket came in before the deadline but the ticket with the fateful numbers burped out seven seconds after the cut-off.

Ifergan alleged the transaction was concluded on time and that both tickets were in the system at 8:59:47. What cost him, he says, is the 10 seconds it takes for a ticket to emerge.

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**Iraq mission**

## Top soldier defends directing airstrikes against extremists

Canada's top soldier says he authorized troops to help Iraqi security forces target Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters, but denies that can strictly speaking be called a "combat" role.

Speaking before a parliamentary committee on Thursday, Chief of Defence Staff Tom Lawson told MPs that Canadian Forces have operated within their noncombat mandate, even while directing CF-18 airstrikes.

Lawson told the committee he "had not anticipated" Canadian special forces would be in a position to safely direct airstrikes when he ruled them out last October.

For the government, the mission has "evolved" since it was approved by Parliament last year. The opposition says Canada's role against ISIL has not been defined, no budget has been released and no clear goal outside of "degrading and destroying" the extremists has been outlined.

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GTAA

## Announcement

Toronto Pearson

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is announcing changes to current parking rates effective April 1, 2015.

As the GTAA is a non-share, not-for-profit organization that operates Toronto Pearson International Airport, parking rate increases support operational and other related improvements.

**Daily Rates**

| Location | Current | New |
|---|---|---|
| Daily Park Garage | $28 | $30 |
| Value Park Garage | $18 | $20 |

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|---|---|---|
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Cold War

## Gorbachev warns West of Hot War

Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev says the confrontation between Russia and the West could spill into all-out war.

More than 5,100 people have been killed in a bloody conflict in eastern Ukraine between government troops and pro-Russian separatists. Ukraine accuses Russia of aiding the separatists while Russia says the West is behind Ukraine's attempts to retake the rebel-held areas.

Gorbachev, in comments to the Interfax news agency, said Thursday the West has "dragged" Russia into a new Cold War and warned of risks of a military confrontation.

"I can no longer say that this Cold War will not lead to a 'Hot War.' I fear that they could risk it," he was quoted as saying.

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Malaysia

## Government declares Flight 370 an accident

Malaysia's government formally declared still-missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 an accident on Thursday and said all those on board were presumed dead, paving the way for compensation claims but angering victims' families still waiting for evidence of the plane's fate.

Civil aviation chief Azharuddin Abdul Rahman said the search for the jet would continue and "remains a priority." The Boeing 777 disappeared on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The plane is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, off the coast of western Australia. No confirmed debris has ever been found. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Loved ones make plea for ISIL hostages

**Jordan.** Prisoner swap would run counter to government's stance on extremism

The father of a Jordanian fighter pilot and the wife of a Japanese journalist held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) pleaded for their loved ones' lives after a possible prisoner swap wasn't carried out by a deadline of sunset Thursday.

The extremists had demanded that Jordan release a female al-Qaida prisoner from death row, and they purportedly threatened in an audio message to kill the airman if she was not freed by the deadline.

After sundown in the Middle East, there was no word on the fate of Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh and journalist Kenji Goto, and the families' agonizing wait dragged on.

"We received no assurances from anyone that he is alive," Jawdat al-Kaseasbeh, a brother of the pilot, told The Associated Press. "We have no clue about where the negotiations stand now. We are waiting, just waiting."

The possibility of a swap was raised Wednesday when Jordan said it was willing to trade Sajida al-Rishawi, the al-Qaida prisoner, for the pilot.

However, the audio message purportedly posted by ISIL only said the pilot would be killed if al-Rishawi was not delivered to the Turkish border by the deadline. There was no mention of Goto and no word on whether the pilot would be traded for the woman. The authenticity of the recording could not be verified independently by The Associated Press.

On Thursday afternoon, Jordan's government spokesman, Mohammed al-Momani, signalled that, in any case, a swap was on hold because the hostage-takers had not delivered proof the pilot is still alive.

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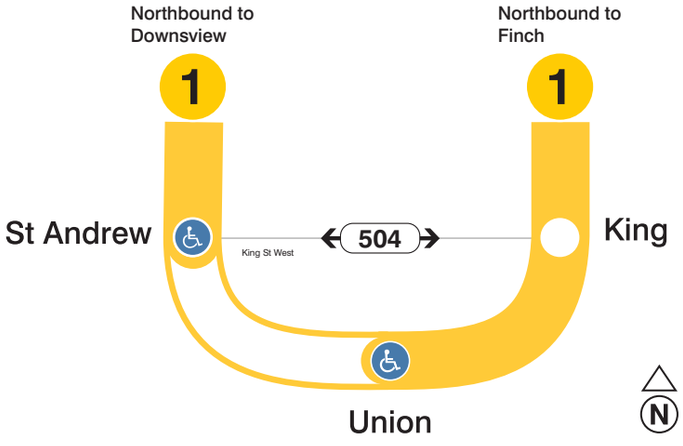
Safi al-Kaseasbeh, centre, father of Jordanian pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who is held by ISIL, reads a statement for the media urging his son's captors to have mercy on a fellow Muslim and spare his life, in Amman, Jordan on Thursday. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


# Weekend closures

## 1 St Andrew to Union

• January 31 – February 1, 2015

Customers using wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility devices can use a temporary lift device at Union Station, from the subway level to the concourse level.

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# THIS YEAR'S TTC CUSTOMER CHARTER MAKES 38 PROMISES TO RIDERS

**ANDY BYFORD**
CEO
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

Last week, the TTC announced its third annual Customer Charter.

The Charter is our way of showing that we are serious about improving the service that we offer. It is a list of time-bound, customer-focused improvements that we promise to deliver through 2015, backed by quarterly progress reports so you can see how we are tracking.

We fully recognize that our primary role is to get you around the city safely, reliably and on time, and that remains our main task. But we are equally determined to improve the quality of your service as well as getting you from A to B.

With that in mind, this year's Charter contains a specific commitment to achieving five per cent fewer delays (incidents and minutes) on the subway compared to 2014. This might not seem like a lot, but it is part of a wider commitment, namely a 50-per-cent reduction in delays over the next five years. The big step change will come once re-signalling of Line 1 is completed in 2020, but we can and will make incremental improvements to progressively drive up punctuality and service reliability.

Other highlights of this year's Charter include a commitment to install PRESTO on all streetcars by the end of 2015. It's part of our accelerated plan with Metrolinx to roll out PRESTO across the entire TTC by the end of 2016 – a year earlier than originally planned.

Further progress will be made towards our goal of a completely accessible TTC. More stations will be equipped with Wi-Fi and more information screens will be installed to let you know when your service will arrive. We will make further improvements to the Toronto Rocket subway trains and continue our focus on cleanliness of the system. The 510 Spadina, 511 Bathurst and 509 Harbourfront routes will receive new streetcars while all 11 streetcar routes will convert to proof-of-payment and all-door boarding by the end of the year to speed up journey times.

The full list of 38 promises can be found on our website at ttc.ca. We will report on our progress every quarter through this page of your Metro newspaper.

These are exciting times at the TTC. Subject to a final City Council vote, we have secured funding to expand service and to cut wait times and crowding. Coupled with the initiatives made in our new Customer Charter, we are on track to modernize the TTC and to give you a transit system that makes Toronto proud.

## EMPLOYEE PROFILE

**Name:** David Elrick
**Position:** Divisional Trainer
**Years of Service:** 11

As an Operator for 11 years and a Divisional Trainer for the past year, I enjoy being with the TTC and the difference I make in my work and the people I work with. I treat people with respect and it is gratifying for me when people come up to me on the bus and say what a great job I do as an operator. I also have the best co-workers that I have ever worked with and I am very proud to be with the TTC.

## Weekly Customer Service Report

Week ending January 28, 2015

| | Actual % / Target % | |
|---|---|---|
| Subway – Deliver a punctual service | 97% / 97% | ✓ |
| Bus – Deliver reliable headway | 69% / 65% | ✓ |
| Streetcar – Deliver reliable headway | 65% / 70% | ✗ |

## 2015 TTC CUSTOMER CHARTER

The TTC has released its 2015 Customer Charter, with 38 time-bound commitments designed to improve your overall transit experience. A Customer Charter tracks improvements, while holding TTC's management to account if promises are not kept. This year's charter commitments include:

- Union Station's newly renovated platform and concourse will be open to the public and will include a new elevator, escalators and improved customer flow to reduce overcrowding.
- PRESTO will be available on all streetcars.
- 510 Spadina, 511 Bathurst and 509 Harbourfront will have all new accessible streetcars. They will include conveniences like PRESTO devices, all-door boarding and air-conditioning.
- We will install the redesigned TTC system maps at all subway stations and transit shelters.
- Blue priority seats will be installed on 90 per cent of our vehicles.
- All collector booths will accept debit and credit contactless payment for a single ride. This will make paying your fare easier than ever before.
- All of our streetcar routes will go Proof of Payment and have all door boarding.

Progress against these commitments is reported to the TTC Board quarterly and results are posted on the TTC's website and in this page in the Metro. For a full list of commitments, visit ttc.ca.

**The first wrapped TTC 192 Airport Rocket bus is now operating between Kipling Station and Pearson Airport. Other routes servicing Pearson Airport include 52A Lawrence West, 300A Bloor-Danforth and 307 Eglinton West. Visit ttc.ca for details.**

## WEEKEND LINE 1 CLOSURE – UNION TO ST ANDREW

This weekend, on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 1, there will be no service between Union and St Andrew stations on Line 1 due to Union Station platform upgrades, including installation of a new elevator, escalators and an art wall. Additional closures will be required on Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 28 - March 1 to complete the work.

Customers requiring direct access to Union Station can travel south on the Yonge portion of Line 1 or take the PATH from St Andrew Station. A temporary lift has been installed at Union Station while the new elevator is under construction to provide an accessible connection from the platform to the concourse. A Wheel-Trans vehicle will also be available for customers travelling between Union and St Andrew stations. Customers can speak with any uniformed TTC employee at either station to make use of this service. Regular subway service will resume on Monday, Feb. 2 at 6 a.m.

## SCARBOROUGH SUBWAY CONSULTATIONS

The TTC and City of Toronto are holding public meetings on the Scarborough Subway Extension to gain feedback on issues including the Terms of Reference & Public Consultation Plan, project objectives, evaluation criteria and all reasonable station location and corridor options. Meetings will be held on:

- Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School, 959 Midland Ave.

- Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, 7 – 9 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr.

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VOICES

# SEX ED FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIVE IN CARE-A-LOT

**THE KOHLER REPORT**
By Rebecca Kohler

How young is too young to learn about sexual consent in Canadian schools?

That's the big debate in Ontario this week, after Premier Kathleen Wynne announced kids as young as six will soon be learning about how body language and facial expressions relate to consent as part of an overhaul to the province's decades-old sex-ed curriculum.

It's unclear if the lessons will be taught verbally or through finger painting, but what's for sure is that it will be taught — and hurray for that. I consent to consent ed!

Unlike some more progressive provinces whose sex-ed programs have been updated in the past decade, Ontario's was developed in 1998 when cellphones were just shoebox-sized devices used by rich people on TV. The last time the province tried to update the program, it got shelved because of objections from religious groups. The debate was recently reignited when two eighth-graders, Lia Valente and Tessa Hill, started a Change.org petition to get the notion of consent discussed in health class.

That's not to say that hot topics of late like Jian Ghomeshi, Bill Cosby and Rehtaeh Parsons haven't played a part in creating an environment that made this kind of thing seem necessary. If Ghomeshi had been taught about consent from the age of six, maybe he wouldn't currently be awaiting trial; or maybe he's just a sociopath, but it would have been worth a try, wouldn't it?

Not everyone thinks so. Every time the topic of sex education in Ontario schools comes up, there's a backlash featuring a lot of tired, outdated, head-in-the-sand objections from conservatives.

In fact, in 2010, then-Premier Dalton McGuinty tried to push a similar program forward but kowtowed to pressure from people such as Charles McVety, head of Canada Christian College, who started a petition against the proposed curriculum and got over 100,000 signatures — McGuinty withdrew the lesson plans. I'm hoping Wynne has bigger ovaries than McGuinty. McVety is all hot and bothered (angry, not aroused) this time around, too.

"We abhor the premier announcing that Ontario's teachers will be forced to teach little children how to give permission ... to engage in sex." I'm abhorred by the fact that a "good" Christian actually thinks teachers will be telling six-year-olds to engage in sex. That is *not* the plan. As Wynne put it, "Starting right in the ... junior grades, kids will be learning listening skills and helping each other to pay attention to facial expressions and ... whether somebody is positive or negative or happy or sad."

These are skills one could teach in a number of ways; I don't think any Grade 1 teachers will be digging out the dildos or inflating any sexy blow-up dolls. Consent is applicable in many life situations. I once had a co-worker who enjoyed foisting her "famous rice pilaf" on me — wow, do I ever wish she'd had a lesson in reading facial expressions and for that matter, gag reflexes.

Parents who don't want their kids exposed to the idea of sex at school forget that their kids have another teacher today: The Internet.

Valente and Hill are living in the present, among all the other students from coast-to-coast who can turn on their laptop to watch a gang-bang, under the veil of porn, for sexual entertainment purposes. This stuff makes Penthouse Magazine look like it should be included on the same bookshelf as Goodnight Moon.

Joe Warmington at the Toronto Sun wasn't keen on the fact that Premier Wynne had taken advice from middle-school students.

"A lecture about sex ed from 13-year-olds in a country where legal consent is 16?"

Yes, Joe! That's the point. The fact that 13-year-olds who are not even legally able to consent already know that consent, or lack of it, is an issue today is indicative of the fact that there's a really big problem. Like, come on.

McVety and Warmington aren't alone in their disdain for this development.

Reading blogs and comments on news articles and social media, one will see a lot of sentiments like, "That's too young to start broaching the topic of sex," "Schools should only teach abstinence," "Leave it to the parents to teach kids about sex."

Well, those ideas are all fine and dandy if you live where the Care Bears live, but we live on Earth among humans who can at times be ignorant and dangerous.

And can we take it, from recent events, that parents are teaching their kids about consent? To a parent who wants to do it themselves, I ask this: While you might be teaching your daughter about consent, what if your neighbour is not teaching his son the same principles?

**Correction**

**In a Voices column published on Jan. 29, Metro mis-identified the authors of a study on terrorism. The authors were from the universities of Ottawa and Toronto, and the co-authors were from the universities of B.C. and Waterloo. Metro regrets the error.**

# Happy face/Sad face

From endangered delicacies to adopt-a-cockroach programs, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

### SALAMANDER SAGA

Police in Shenzhen, China, are in the hot seat for allegedly chowing down on — of all things — endangered salamander at a lavish banquet. Journalists who claim to have caught the feast on camera say they were subsequently beaten up. Fourteen officers have been suspended pending an investigation.

### HE LOVES YOU NOT

The San Francisco Zoo is promoting two unique critters as part of its adopt-an-animal program ahead of Valentine's Day. For $25 or $50, people can adopt a hissing cockroach or scorpion, respectively, and have the certificate sent to the person who inspired the adoption ... we're guessing an ex.

### DOUBLE DOWN DOG

KFC continues to out-gross itself with the creation of the Double Down Dog: A hot dog wrapped in a fried chicken "bun" and drizzled with, dunno, mustard? Cheese sauce? The "delicacy" was made available only in the Philippines, but if it's popular, who knows — it may show up on menus in Canada. Are you brave enough to try it?

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Kathy Beitz, a Guelph, Ont. woman who is legally blind, was able to see her newborn son minutes after his birth, thanks to an amazing eyewear device produced by Canadian company eSight. Watch the heartwarming video on YouTube.

### PHOTOSHOP FAIL

We're assuming someone at Australian magazine Woman's Day is not a Kate Middleton fan. How else do you explain this horribly photoshopped picture of the inarguably beautiful Duchess of Cambridge? Check out the original photo in the smaller circle.

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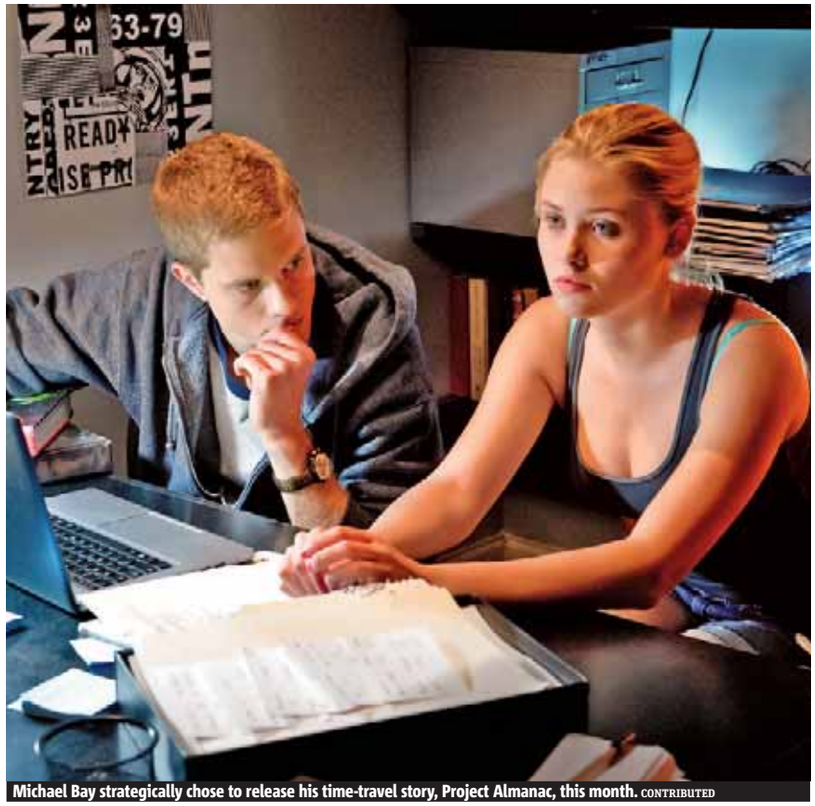
# January is shaking its bad rap

**Analysis.** The month formerly known as the place bad movies go to die has offered some surprisingly good fare in recent memory


Michael Bay strategically chose to release his time-travel story, Project Almanac, this month. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE

Traditional wisdom has it that January is a dumping ground for bad movies.

"Everyone is broke after shelling out for Christmas presents," the studios say. "The weather is crappy and anyone leaving the house is going to the gym instead of the movies," complain the suits.

That's why clunkers like One for the Money, a Katherine Heigl crime drama with a two per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating and Season of the Witch — which saw Nicolas Cage go all medieval on the forces of evil and strain his credibility as an actor — made the lives of critics and audiences miserable on long, cold winter nights in bygone Januarys.

Why waste good movies when no one was likely to go?

Years ago studios threw the odd quality film into the January mix — Traffic, Good Will Hunting, Before Sunrise, Dr. Strangelove and Silence of the Lambs— but every good movie like Matinee (92 per cent on RT) was balanced out with a stinker like Body of Evidence and its paltry six per cent rating.

There is still that yin and yang as last week's releases of The Boy Next Door and Mortdecai (two movies that will decorate Worst Of the Year lists) proves, but the tide seems to be changing.

Perhaps that's why Project Almanac, a time-travel drama from producer Michael Bay, moved from a prime July release date to the barren January slate.

Surely Bay, as savvy a player as Hollywood has, wouldn't allow his movie to be tossed out with the trash.

The reason given for the schedule move was that Bay himself wanted to sprinkle some of his Transformers' fairy dust to pump up the film's appeal to young audiences.

But it's also apparent that a micro-budget movie like Project Almanac, even with Bay's name attached, could get lost in a summer filled with large-scale offerings like Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, so why not release in a less crowded, but increasingly profitable field?

What used to be a time to fill screens with borderline cheesefests has become a viable month to release a movie.

Last year big crowds braved the polar vortex to help the Kevin Hart comedy Ride Along set a January opening record.

This year the Oscar-nominated Selma and Still Alice have opened wide in a month usually reserved for Golden Raspberry winners.

Perhaps the biggest story of 2015 so far is the success of Clint Eastwood's Chris Kyle biopic, American Sniper, which has raked in upwards of $170 million in just two weeks.

The success of that film is as strong an indicator as Hollywood needs that January is no longer a no-go zone.

**Richard's ratings**

**Black or White**

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# Now in theatres

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**Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

**Drama**

## Black or White

**Director.** Mike Binder

**Stars.** Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

Black or White is the story of a grandfather (Kevin Costner) who is suddenly left to care for his beloved granddaughter. When her paternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) seeks custody with the help of her brother (Anthony Mackie), the girl is torn between two families who love her deeply.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 44% **Audience:** + 89%

**Drama/Action**

## A Most Violent Year

**Director.** J.C. Chandor

**Stars.** Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain

Set during the winter of 1981 — statistically one of the most crime-ridden of New York City's history — A Most Violent Year is a drama following the lives of an immigrant and his family as they attempt to capitalize on the American Dream.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 90% **Audience:** 76%

**Mystery/Sci-Fi**

## Project Almanac

**Director.** Dean Israelite

**Stars.** Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** No reviews yet **Audience:** 78%

**Drama/Action**

## Wild Card

**Director.** Simon West

**Stars.** Jason Statham, Sofia Vergara

Simon West directs this remake of the 1987 Burt Reynold action thriller in this Sierra/Affinity production starring Jason Statham as a paid enforcer who goes after a gang leader when a group of thugs beat up a personal friend. William Goldman provides the script.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 15% **Audience:** + 91%

**Documentary**

## Red Army

**Director.** Gabe Polsky

**Stars.** Scotty Bowman, Mark Deakins

Red Army is a documentary about the Soviet Union and the most successful dynasty in sports history: the Red Army hockey team. Told from the perspective of its captain Slava Fetisov, the story portrays his transformation from national hero to political enemy. From the USSR to Russia, the film examines how sport mirrors social and cultural movements.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 97% **Audience:** + 82%

**Action**

## Mortdecai

**Director.** David Koepp

**Stars.** Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow

Juggling some angry Russians, the British Mi5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part-time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumoured to contain the code to a lost bank account filled with Nazi gold.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 12% **Audience:** 41%

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# Costner film poses tough questions about race

**Interview.** Actor used his own money to fund a simple story that made him feel 'more empowered'

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Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner star in Black or White, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Kevin Costner made the racially-charged drama Black or White happen.

In his latest film, he plays Elliot, a recently widowed alcoholic lawyer battling for the custody of his biracial granddaughter, Eloise.

His rival is Rowena (Octavia Spencer), Eloise's paternal grandmother, who thinks she should move from the richest part of Los Angeles to the "black" neighbourhood with her.

But the film doesn't pick sides. "It really impressed me how even-handed the film was," says Costner.

Indeed, every one of Eloise's potential guardians is battling a personal demon of some kind.

"I just thought it was an honest story from the very first page. I felt like I was reading something really authentic," he adds.

Costner was so drawn to the script, written by his old The Upside of Anger filmmaker, Mike Binder, that he wound up financing it to ensure it hit the big screen. When no one else came round, he put up his own money — some $9 million of it. "I was hoping other people would rush to the movie and see the same potential and value in it that I did, but unfortunately that didn't happen," he says.

**Quoted**

**"To say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."**
Kevin Costner

Not that his character is some white saviour, or even that good. Elliot's battles with Rowena betray his own prejudices.

He thinks Eloise is already "living in one of the safest neighbourhoods in L.A.," he boasts, and shouldn't move to Rowena's part of the city.

"Elliot was comfortable in that environment, visiting and socializing with Eloise's family, but he instinctually still thought his granddaughter would be safer with him," says Costner.

Still, the movie subtly condemns his stance.

"Racism doesn't have to be overt. This is where the veil of racism is lifted, when he thinks she wouldn't be safe in that 'other' neighbourhood.

"But Elliot travels far in this movie and comes to understand himself better," he adds.

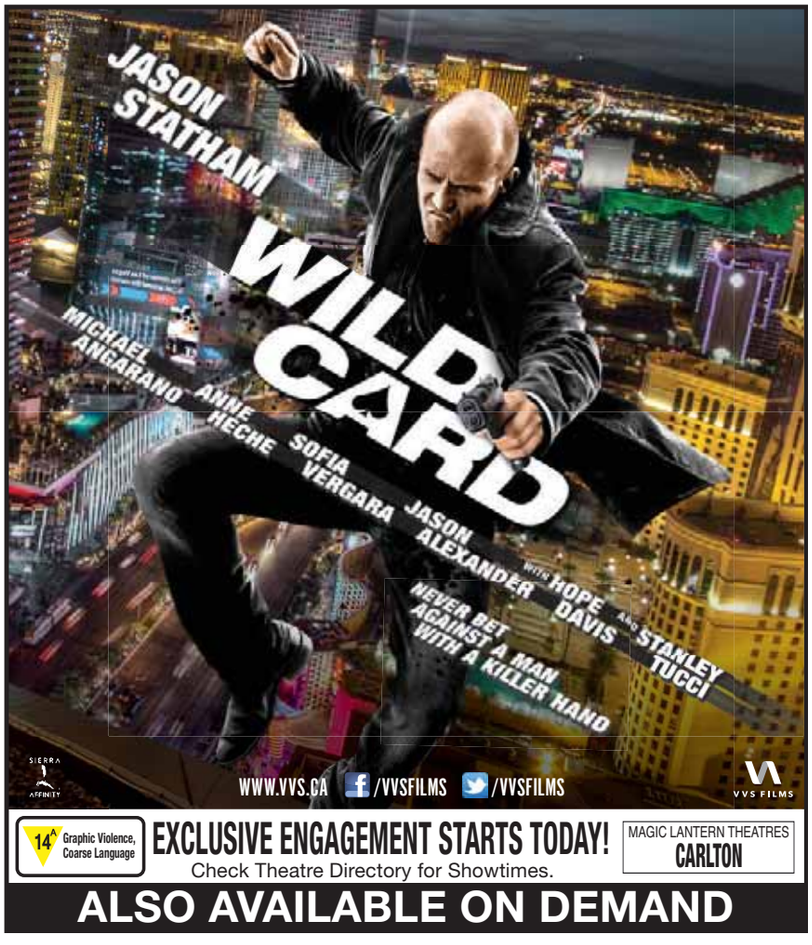
It was a bit of a parallel for Costner who adds that examining those covert attitudes in a narrative made him feel "more empowered."

"People say they're colour-blind when they want to explain they are without prejudice. But to say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

The tale may not have been epic enough for big Hollywood studios to take notice, but Costner hopes that audiences will at least be surprised by the film and the things it says.

"It's a simple story about life," he says.

"It doesn't solve anything. It's about the well-being of a child and what's best for the child and race shouldn't be rolled into those sorts of things."



## Pucker up for Poehler's pudding prize

Actress Amy Poehler gets a kiss from drama students Jason Hellerstein, left, and Sam Clark as she is paraded through Harvard Square Thursday on her way to the Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year ceremony at Harvard University. Poehler was chosen for the award by the school's Hasty Pudding drama troupe. Her Parks & Recreation co-star Chris Pratt is Man of the Year, and will get his own parade Feb. 6. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Meet the Project Almanac cast

Think you've seen these faces somewhere before? Here, we give you the lowdown on the young actors in producer Michael Bay's new time-travel drama — and tell you where they're all likely to pop up next

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York City

**The actor:** Sam Lerner
**The role:** Quinn, the loudmouth comic-relief pal with some ideas about how to abuse their new time-travelling powers.
**Where you've seen him before:** On the brilliant, but cancelled, Suburgatory and in the L.A. indie Nobody Walks.
**Where you'll see him next:** Continuing to pop up on The Goldbergs and in the Fatal Attraction-goes-to-high-school thriller Stripped of Innocence.

**The actor:** Virginia Gardner
**The role:** Christina, David's younger sister and the group's go-to camera operator.
**Where you've seen her before:** Here and there on shows like Glee, The Goldbergs and Hart of Dixie.
**Where you'll see her next:** The coming-of-age drama Good Kids.

**The actor:** Jonny Weston
**The role:** David, the brainiac hero of the story with some unresolved issues about his dad's mysterious death.
**Where you've seen him before:** Catching waves in Chasing Mavericks and romancing Juliette Lewis in Kelly & Cal.
**Where you'll see him next:** Joining the YA dystopia in Insurgent and opposite Zac Efron in We Are Your Friends.

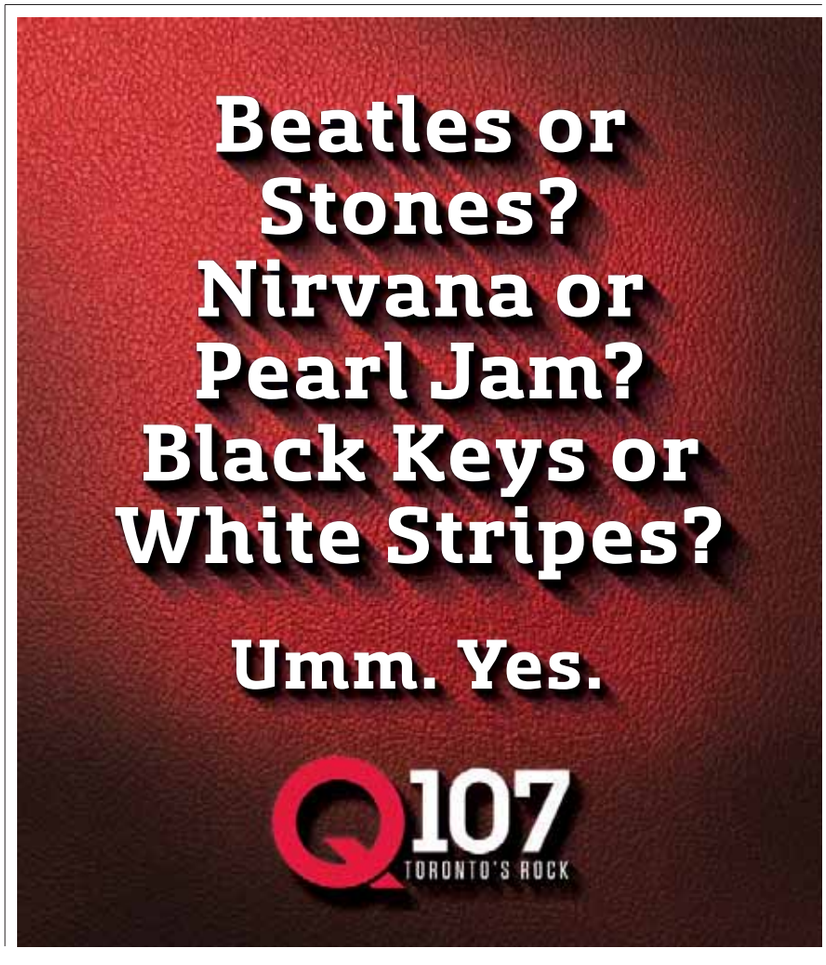
## The 10 best time-travel movies of all (ahem) time

Project Almanac enters a proud pantheon of movies that tackle the super-fun and super-speculative world of time travel, but how does it stack up against its predecessors? We tallied up the 10 best takes on time travel of all time. And what do you know? The characters in Project Almanac even name-check our No. 1, calling it, "Awesome."

1. Looper (2012)
2. Twelve Monkeys (1995)
3. Time Bandits (1981)
4. Primer (2004)
5. Back to the Future (1985)
6. Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)
7. Midnight in Paris (2011)
8. Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989)
9. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)
10. X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014)

**The actor:** Allen Evangelista
**The role:** Adam, David's other comic-relief pal, though less loudmouthed and comic than Quinn.
**Where you've seen him before:** On television in The Secret Life of the American Teenager and Zoey 101.
**Where you'll see him next:** He just popped up again on Brooklyn Nine-Nine, which could become a regular thing.

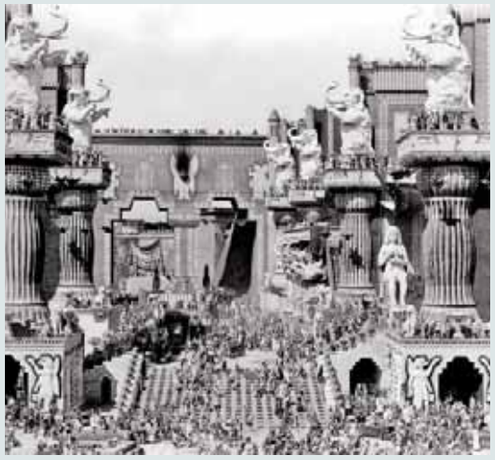
**The actor:** Sofia Black-D'Elia
**The role:** Jessie Pierce, the hottest and coolest girl in school. Everybody loves her.
**Where you've seen her before:** On television in the U.S. version of Skins and here and there on Gossip Girl.
**Where you'll see her next:** Fighting an outbreak in Viral and going biblical in Ben-Hur.



# 8 long movies for those long winter nights

## Intolerance

D.W. Griffith helped invent numerous major narrative devices to cinema with The Birth of a Nation. For a less retroactively queasy and nearly as important spectacle, one can take in his ambitious followup, which cuts around four stories from different periods, the most striking being his lavish, no-expense-spared recreation of Babylon.



## Jeanne Dielman, 26 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles

There aren't many glacial art films lurking on streaming sites, but the Criterion Collection's alleyway on Hulu offers a handful. If you really want to feel time disintegrate, then behold one of the masterworks of minimalism: Chantal Akerman's three-and-a-half hour feminist study of a stay-at-home mom. Occasionally she turns tricks as a prostitute, but she mostly fills her days with menial chores. Watch her cut up potatoes for three minutes or go buy groceries for a meal her student son will chow on without comment. Sounds boring? After enough time with the film, every tiny thing Seyrig does becomes hypnotic.

## The Human Condition

Clocking in at some 10 hours over six parts, this take on Junpei Gomikawa's six-volume novel is the devastating tale of an ordinary Japanese man suffering through the Second World War, from a brutal boot camp to an even more brutal POW camp to the battlefield and to a dreamlike finale. It will take you all day, but you will leave stuffed. (Also recommended on Hulu: Akira Kurosawa's comparatively more manageable Seven Samurai.)

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The latest dump of snow may have left you some extra time to read a dense classic novel, experiment with an elaborate meal or do some serious housework. But who are we kidding? You'll probably veg out in front of your television, dialling up whatever's streaming. Rather than binge-watch TV, here are some epics — in some cases, film series — that will burn up gobs of your time

## There Will Be Blood

After starting off with brash young man films (including Boogie Nights and Magnolia) indebted to masters like Robert Altman and Martin Scorsese, Paul Thomas Anderson found his voice and then some with this snaky look at an oil prospector (Daniel Day-Lewis) driven by greed as well as his innate hatred of other people. Opening with a dialogue-free stretch, it ends in one of the funnier/crazier screen chats. (Also recommended on Instant: Anderson's The Master.)

## Cleopatra

It's not that bad! This 1963 Liz Taylor monstrosity is by now well into the black, even if that took ages. And even if it can be a drag, it has segments where the pageantry seems worth it — and eventually things turn meta. The fourth and final hour is a weirdly mesmerizing slow crawl in which Taylor's Cleo and Richard Burton's Marc Antony anguish over finishing a war (or is it a movie?) for which no one has much passion any longer.

## Once Upon a Time in the West

King of spaghetti Westerns Sergio Leone followed up his Man with No Name trilogy with an even sturdier epic, which subs in Charles Bronson for Clint Eastwood and files one of the great cast-against-type stunts, with Henry Fonda as a cold-blooded enforcer introduced as he kills an adorable kid. Even better, it's a hypnotic look at capitalism settling the West even more violently than any outlaw. And it allows the Italian director to actually roam around Monument Valley — the old stomping grounds of the genre's arguable king, John Ford.

## Lawrence of Arabia

David Lean's elephantine study of T.E. Lawrence (Peter O'Toole, all coiled intensity and super-blue eyes) demands to be seen on the biggest screen possible. But your massive television, over an HD signal, should do in a pinch. Its peerless desert imagery tends to get all the press, but it's also one of Hollywood's most complex character studies, observing a man driven by both heroic and less heroic tendencies.

## The 'Up' Series

America turned Boyhood, made over 12 years, into a surprise money-gobbler. Meet its even more dedicated cousin. Since 1964, the same film crew — led by director Michael Apted — has caught up with the same group of kids every seven years, asking them how they're doing, how their life has changed and seeing how they've measured up to their youthful vision of their future. (Spoiler: Aging sucks.) If watched in one, epic battering ram, the results are disturbingly cosmic: Watch, among other downers, as a perky, cute kid sours into a cynical wanderer only to find some watered-down form of salvation. **TEXT BY MATT PRIGGE**

# Five Super Bowl ads worth talking about

**Jump start.** No need to wait until Sunday, as many of the ads are already posted online

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
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Always controversial with its Super Bowl ads, GoDaddy has pulled its ad featuring a puppy mill that uses GoDaddy to host its website. The ad caused an outrage among tweeting animal rights activists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Super Bowl ads released online so far are on par in terms of quality, but with less emphasis on high production value than in recent years, according to Kenneth Wong, Professor of Marketing at Queen's School of Business.

He believes companies have found that using celebrities in their ads — such as Kim Kardashian and Pierce Brosnan — is a more effective way to create an impact.

Here are five commercials Wong says are worth checking out online before the big game:

**Kia Sorento**
Pierce Brosnan stars as himself and gets lampooned when offered an acting part: Where he's expecting action, it's a more mundane car ad. "It's a perfect counterpoint to his James Bond image," said Wong.

**T-Mobile**
Kim Kardashian satirizes herself, advertising a feature that allows T-Mobile users to save the data allowance they didn't use in a month by talking, deadpan, about all of the pictures of her they could be using it on.

**Wix.com**
Wong's pick for the best ad so far. Retired football players use Wix.com to easily build websites to jumpstart their wacky choices of second careers. For example, Brett Farve gets into charcuterie, and builds favreandcarve.com, which exists in real life.

**Carl's Jr**
This ad showing model Charlotte McKinney walking apparently naked through a farmers market has faced criticism for using sex to sell burgers.

**GoDaddy**
GoDaddy pulled its ad featuring a puppy mill using GoDaddy to host its website after it caused an outrage among tweeting animal rights activists.

Super Bowl

## Katy Perry wants you to Roar

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Katy Perry says her Super Bowl halftime performance will make you Roar — with animals. The singer told reporters at a press conference Thursday that her performance Sunday will include "a lion and sharks."

Perry, 30, said she feels blessed to perform on the Super Bowl stage "at such a young age." She said she enjoyed past Super Bowl performances from Beyoncé and Madonna, and what she adds "is some lightheartedness."

Lenny Kravitz will join the pop star who said her performance will also include an "old-school" female singer. When asked if Perry had been checking out football players this week, she imitated Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, saying: "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

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## Guacamole on prime time

Avocados would like to thank their agent, God and most importantly, their beautiful wife Tortilla. Take a bow, avocado.

With an estimated 184 million people watching in the U.S., the industry group Avocados From Mexico will air a Super Bowl ad. It will be the first commercial for produce in the history of the annual advertising bonanza. These spots cost $4.5 million for 30 seconds of airtime. The avocado industry can afford it.

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## Weekend of music

Performances by top artists aren't just for gala or party invitees. Several paid concerts are scheduled for the days before the game. DirecTV hosts a three-day music festival that culminates with a Friday night show featuring Snoop Dogg and Imagine Dragons. Performers on other days include the Zac Brown Band, Calvin Harris and Jason Derulo. Twelve blocks of downtown Phoenix are being transformed into the Verizon Super Bowl Central, a free area with NFL-themed attractions and nightly fireworks shows. Pepsi has set up its Hyped for Halftime Stage which will feature performances by The Roots, Walk the Moon and other acts daily.

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## Top 5 banned Super Bowl ads

With millions of dollars spent on Super Bowl ads and companies trying to have the edgiest commercials, there are some that are so raunchy they never make it to air.

Many of these ads contain content that may not be suitable for prime time television in the United States, but have found a permanent home online.

Here are the top five Super Bowl ads that were banned from television.

**Skechers 2011 (Kim Kardashian)**
In 2011, Kim Kardashian did a commercial for Skechers. Yes, Skechers. Somehow nobody will ever remember the shoes, but the ad will live forever.

**PETA, 2009**
In 2009, animal rights organization PETA created a very sexy ad involving women in lingerie handling vegetables in provocative ways. We got the message, but the commercial was too hot for TV.

**Bud Light, 2010**
This banned ad by Bud Light featured corporate men who were told they would receive a can of Bud Light for each article of clothing they donated. There were a lot of naked middle-aged men walking around the office that day. All for a can of Bud Light.

**Bud Light, 2006**
This banned commercial from Bud Light didn't involve nudity, but it did involve someone opening bottles of beer with their rear end. We can't make this stuff up.

**Go Daddy, 2007**
This Go Daddy ad featured a hot model wearing cut-off shorts and mimicking a scene from Basic Instinct. Yes, that scene.

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# Bieber opens up, says he was just pretending to be a doofus

A recent visit to Ellen apparently prompted Justin Bieber to take to Facebook to record a dimly lit confessional video detailing his personal insecurities about how he's come off over the past year.

And he's just trying to be Justin, guys.

"It's been a minute since I've been in a public appearance, and I didn't want to come off arrogant or conceited — basically how I've been acting the past year, year and a half," he says of his interview with Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not what I was pretending to be. Why I say I was pretending is, often we pretend to be something we're not, as a cover-up of what we're truly feeling inside. And there was a lot of feelings going on in there. … Just being young and growing up in this business is hard. Just growing up in general is hard."

If this is how he reacts to a sit-down with DeGeneres, maybe this whole Comedy Central roast thing isn't such a great idea.

# Third Middleton tries to prove his life isn't soft as a marshmallow

When you think of the name Middleton, you think Kate, right? Beyond that, probably Pippa. But don't forget about James. Can being the younger brother to the Duchess of Cambridge — one of the most famous women in the world — be a bit frustrating?

"Yes, it does get frustrating," James Middleton tells iPad magazine The Young Director. "I work incredibly hard — just like every other person in business and work. And aside from the fact of — yes, I am the brother of someone very important — I am, at the end of the day, just James."

So have some sympathy, you guys.

And speaking of business and work, what is it James is up to these days?

Running his startup, Boomf, which allows Instagram users to get their photos printed on marshmallows. Yes, you read that correctly.

"I have only ever employed myself," James says proudly and without a hint of irony.

James Middleton

# Geezer still a bad boy

Geezer Butler

All the names in this story are just so, so perfect: The band? Black Sabbath. The band member? Geezer Butler. The location? Death Valley. Sabbath's 65-year-old Butler was arrested this week for getting into a bar fight in a saloon Death Valley because of course he did.

A police press statement reads. "It was determined that there had been an argument that escalated into a physical confrontation — resulting in an individual being struck, and a broken window. Terence Michael Butler, a 65-year-old man from Beverly Hills, Calif., was arrested for misdemeanour assault, public intoxication and vandalism. Butler was booked into the Inyo County jail and released after detox and citation."

Keep on rocking.

Angelina Jolie AND Brad Pitt

# Brad and Angie to get their act together yet again

Apparently the one thing holding Brad Pitt and Angelina back from trying to recapture that Mr. and Mrs. Smith on-screen magic was not actually being married, since now that they've tied the knot they can't seem to stop working together. The pair spent their honeymoon filming the romantic drama By the Sea, which Jolie also directed, and now Pitt is in talks to star in Jolie's next directorial effort, Africa, according to The Wrap. I guess when she finds an actor she likes, she really sticks with him.

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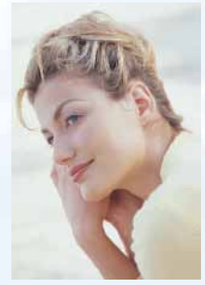

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# Cosy meets show-stopping in one dish

**Lunch or dinner.** Crab Chowder in a Sourdough Bread Bowl makes for an impressive presentation

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**This recipe serves four.** COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Hearty, filling and warm: Isn't that what everyone is craving this time of year? This show-stopping crab and sourdough, recipe makes a perfect meal soup for a cold winter's day.

**Ingredients**

- 1 leek, white part only, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (35 g) flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk
- 2 cups (330 g) potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3/4 lb (375 g) fresh crab meat OR 3 cans (120 g/4 oz each) crab meat, drained
- 1 cup (135 g) corn kernels
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) 35% cream
- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into small pieces
- 4 small round loaves sourdough

**1.** In saucepan over medium heat, soften leek and carrot in butter. Season with salt and pepper. Dust with flour and stir to combine. Add broth and bring to boil while whisking. Add milk, potatoes and thyme.

**2.** Slowly bring back to boil and simmer gently, frequently scraping bottom of pan, until veggies tender, about 15 minutes. Add crab, corn and cream. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove thyme and adjust seasoning.

**3.** Meanwhile, in skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

**4.** On clean surface, slice top off each bread loaf. Using fingers, hollow out loaves, leaving 1 inch (2.5 cm) of crumb all around. Ladle hot soup into bread bowls. Sprinkle with bacon bits.

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**Liquid Assets**

## *Chowder's liquid partner*

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Pairing wine with liquid-centric meals can be tricky business — even when it comes to a heartier, protein-based staple like chowder.

Though populated with chunks of seafood, this classic winter warmer still has fluidity that can water down a wine.

As with any food and wine pairing, use the ingredient that has the most influence in the dish as your guide.

In Chef Ricardo's Crab Chowder recipe, featured this week, it's a combination of the shellfish and the creaminess of the broth.

Both components work best with a white wine.

The apple fruit found in a glass of German Riesling will make a great partner, as would a French or New World Chardonnay, especially one that highlights the grape's rich mouth-feel rather than oak aging.

Louis Latour's 2012 Bourgogne Chardonnay ($19.95 - $26.79) is aged in stainless steel, putting the focus on its bright flavour profile which will work wonders with the recipe's creamy texture and the sweetness of the crab meat. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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# Seattle Super Seven Dip. Snack for the Seahawks

**Ingredients**

- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cups finely grated red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives
- 3 tablespoons blackberry jam
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Splash of hot sauce
- 16 ounces well-drained crab meat, preferably Dungeness
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 6 ounces smoked mussels, lightly chopped

In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently, until well browned and caramelized, about 15 to 20 minutes. If the onion begins to stick, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage and chives. In another bowl, whisk together the jam, vinegar, a pinch each of salt and pepper, the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and a splash of hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the crab over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Drizzle with the teriyaki sauce. Spread the whipped cream cheese over the crab, spreading evenly to the edge of the bowl. Spread the caramelized onions evenly over the cream cheese, then top with the chopped smoked mussels. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through. Arrange cabbage mixture over the top and drizzle with blackberry vinaigrette. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Seattle Super Seven Dip, left, is made with teriyaki-seasoned Dungeness crabmeat, cream cheese, caramelized onions, smoked mussels, purple cabbage slaw and blackberry vinaigrette. It takes about 30 minutes to make. The New England dip is made with barbecued pulled pork, sautéed apples and butter. It takes about 1-1/2 hours. Both dips serve 16 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# New England Super Seven Dip. Pig out for the Patriots

**Ingredients**

- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup thawed corn kernels, well drained
- 3 thinly sliced scallions
- Splash of hot sauce
- 15-ounce can baked beans, partially drained
- 1 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup crumbled crisp-cooked bacon

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the pork tenderloin with the broth. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook until very tender, about 45 minutes. Discard the broth. Using 2 forks, shred the meat, then transfer to a medium bowl. Add the barbecue sauce and toss until coated

While the pork cooks, prepare the other ingredients. In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and cook until just tender. In a small bowl, stir together the corn kernels, scallions and hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the corn mixture over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Top with the pork, then with the apples. Spread the whipped cream cheese evenly over the apples, spreading to the edge.

Spoon the baked beans over the cream cheese, then top with the cheddar and bacon. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through.
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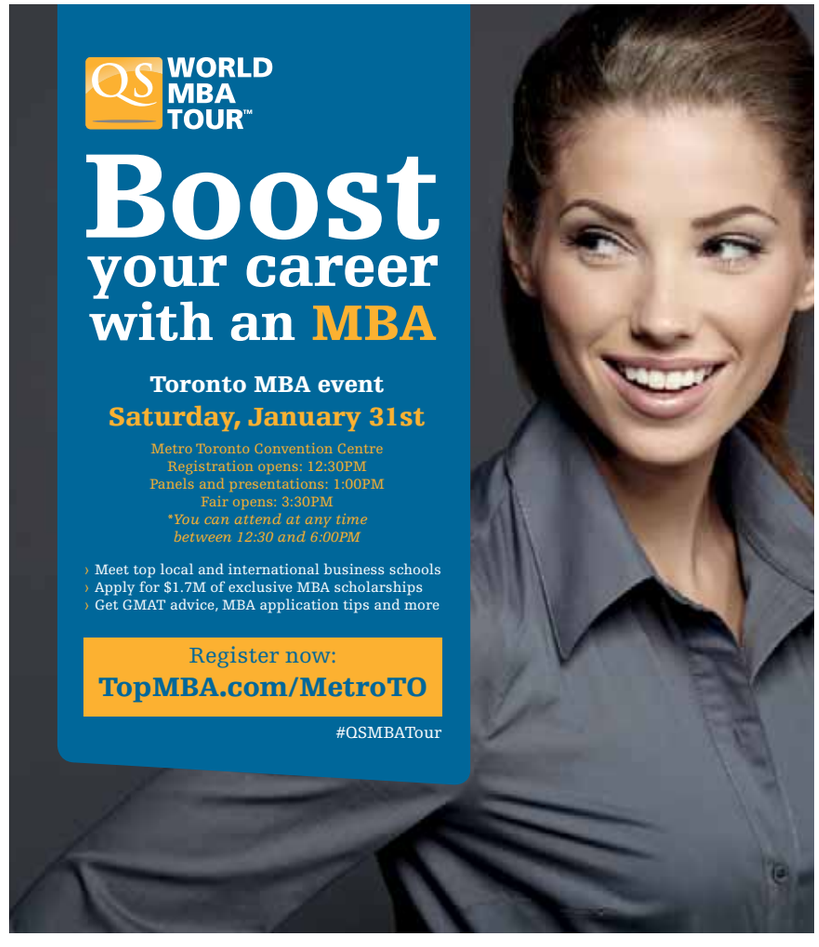
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# Effective in different ways

**Contrasting coaches.**
Belichick, Carroll have risen to the top in their profession with football IQ that 'is way up there'

Put Bill Belichick behind a microphone and he's C-SPAN — minus the information.

Pete Carroll is more like a Lifetime movie. Or, as defensive lineman Michael Bennett puts it, "He has that Benjamin Button effect on everyone."

Pete Carroll
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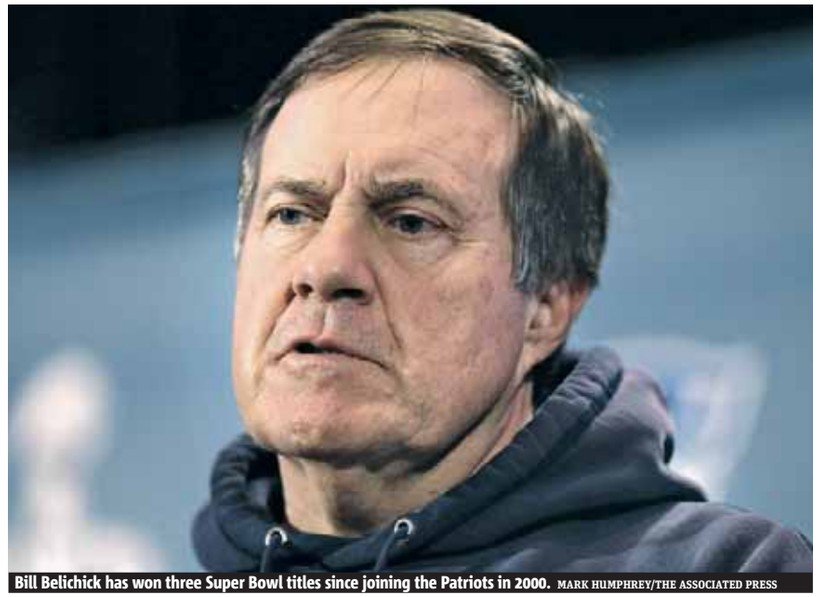
The Super Bowl coaches approach their obligations to the public and media from opposite ends.

Belichick, coaching for his fourth championship in New England, is dry, offers little to no insight and rarely makes anyone laugh. Carroll, looking for his second straight title, is a high-fiving, fist-bumping extrovert who started one of his news conferences this week with a welcoming, "What's up?!"

Different styles have produced similar results, though.

Belichick is making his sixth Super Bowl appearance as a head coach and his Patriots are as close as there is to a dynasty in the current NFL. Carroll's team is being mentioned as a possible dynasty, as well, and that notion will only gain steam if the Seahawks win Sunday and become the first back-to-back champions since New England in 2003-04.


Bill Belichick has won three Super Bowl titles since joining the Patriots in 2000. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dissimilar as they are, they have both built their teams on a foundation of unflinching candour inside their locker and meeting rooms — a quality Carroll brings to some of his public speaking, but one that Belichick eschews.

"What you see on TV is what you get, pretty much, from the two," said Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner, who previously played for Carroll in Seattle. "They have similarities too, though. Their football IQ is way up there. They are so different, but at the same time, they're the same. That's why they both have succeeded at this level."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who hired Carroll back in 1997, then Belichick in 2000, called his former coach, "pretty special to be around. A lot of fun."

He feels he set Carroll back by not giving him the full control he wanted, and the owner adjusted his style when he made the next hire.

Everyone benefited: Belichick and the Patriots — and Carroll and Seattle.

There's no big mystery to all this coaching success, Belichick insists.

"It's about players making the plays that your team needs to win," he said. "I think as a coach, you want to make sure you don't screw that up."

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**Regular-season statistics**

| SEAHAWKS | | PATRIOTS |
|---|---|---|
| 12-4 | Record | 12-4 |
| 375.8 (9th) | Total offence | 365.5 (11th) |
| 267.1 (1st) | Total defence | 344.1 (13th) |
| 24.6 (10th) | Points | 29.2 (4th) |
| 15.9 (1st) | Points against | 19.6 (8th) |

* Rankings are based on per-game averages from NFL.com

# Willson and Ryan represent true north

Canada will have a pair of players to root for in the Super Bowl for the second straight season: Seahawks tight end Luke Willson and punter Jon Ryan.

Willson, who grew up outside Windsor, Ont., made his way to the NFL after playing at Rice University, where he learned a quick lesson in how big football is in the United States.

"It was pretty intense, especially coming from Canada," Willson said. "It was a very, very different atmosphere. Football is almost like a religion down there."

**Quoted**

**"It was kind of cool ... to have that many people care about the game of football."**

**Luke Willson**, who grew up in Windsor, Ont., about the moment he realized the game is "almost a religion" in the U.S., when he played for Rice University.

Ryan, of Regina, Sask., never got to experience football in America until he ended up in the NFL — with Green Bay in 2006 — by way of the CFL and the University of Regina.

"Growing up in Canada, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to play in the NFL," said Ryan, who threw a touchdown pass on a trick play in Seattle's comeback win over the Packers in the NFC Championship. "Now to have been playing here for nine years, playing in my second Super Bowl is really a dream come true."

The Seahawks have one other foreign-born player on its roster: Defensive lineman Jesse Williams, who was born in Brisbane, Australia. He spent the season on injured reserve after injuring his knee during fall camp.

Luke Willson, left, and Jon Ryan are the two Canadian players on the field in this Sunday's Super Bowl. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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# Sizing up the teams

The extremes between the players in Sunday's Super Bowl THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Height

**Shortest**

**5'10"**

Twelve players clock in at this height (six on each team)

**Tallest**

**6'8"**

New England offensive linemen Sebastian Vollmer — pictured to the right towering over his teammates — and Nate Solder

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## Paycheque

**Highest-paid offence**

**$14.1M**

The average annual salary of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady

**Highest-paid defence**

**$14M**

The average annual salary of Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman

**Lowest paid**

**$420K**

The average annual salary of undrafted rookies on both teams

## Weight

**Heaviest**

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New England offensive lineman Marcus Cannon

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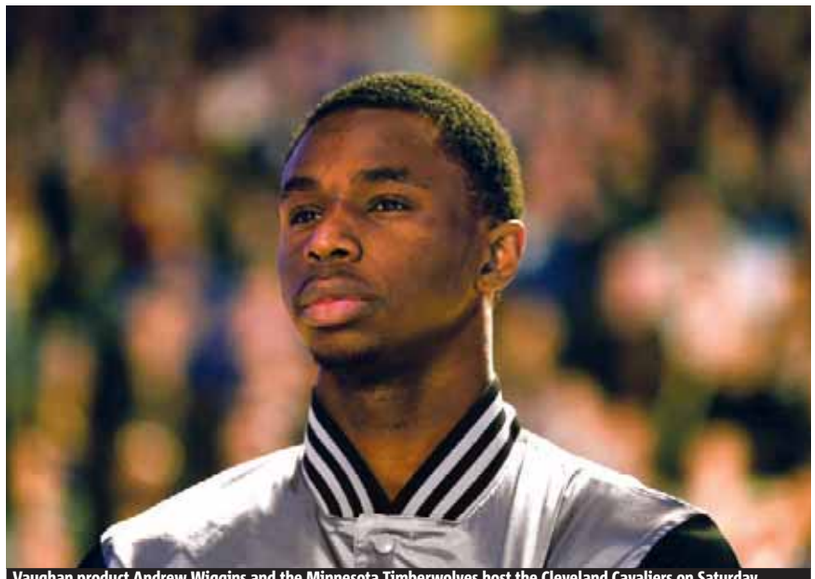
# Wiggins heating up on frozen NBA tundra

**Basketball.** Canadian phenom giving T-Wolves fans reason to hope in dismal season



Vaughan product Andrew Wiggins and the Minnesota Timberwolves host the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night. The 2014 No. 1 pick was traded by the Cavs before the start of the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the throes of a sometimes-contentious negotiation on a contract extension with the Timberwolves, Ricky Rubio sat down at a table and started to recount the reasons he wanted to stay in Minnesota.

His first three seasons were filled with disappointment, injuries and losses, and the Wolves had recently traded the only established star they have had since Kevin Garnett. Kevin Love, who turned so many of Rubio's nifty passes into assists, was gone to Cleveland, leaving the point guard behind with a roster in flux.

But there was something about the crown jewel of the three-player package the Wolves got in return for Love; something about the way 19-year-old Andrew Wiggins carried himself under a spotlight that has blinded so many others; something in the way he moved in practice that told Rubio everything eventually was going to be OK.

"He always looks like he's going in slow motion while everyone around him is moving 100 miles per hour," Rubio said on that October night before the season began. "He's going to be great."

Wiggins isn't there yet, and everything is not OK in Minnesota. But three months into his rookie season, and a month before he turns 20, the No. 1 overall draft pick is starting to give the Timberwolves and their beleaguered fans hope that all these losses, all these growing pains, will eventually be worth it.

Wiggins leads all rookies in minutes, scoring and free throw attempts and has won Western Conference rookie of the month honours in each of the first two months of the season, with a third likely on the way.

"I would say there's been a lot of growing pains, a lot of stuff we're learning to get better at," Wiggins said. "I feel like all the young people, we're getting better every game, every situation we have."

He has scored in double figures in 19 straight games — averaging 19.4 points on 47.4 per cent shooting in 37.6 minutes in that span — and completely separated himself from the rest of the rookie class through the first half of the season.

**Two-way player**

**Wiggins is nightly asked to guard the opponent's best perimeter player, and he's had success against the likes of Russell Westbrook (7 for 22), James Harden (8 for 23) and Eric Bledsoe (7 for 17).**

The Timberwolves are on track to miss the playoffs for an 11th straight season, the longest active streak in the league. All the injuries have contributed to an 8-37 record, the worst mark in the league. But it has also forced Wiggins' hand to a positive degree.

Wiggins really started to kick things into gear when the Wolves visited the Cavaliers for the first time on Dec. 23. He scored 27 points and played with the aggressiveness his coaches and teammates were demanding of him.

"I did have a little hop in my step" because it was the team that traded him, Wiggins said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Crime. Hernandez trial underway in Massachusetts

Opening statements were made Thursday as former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez went on trial for murder. GETTY IMAGES FILE

With his ex-teammates about to play in the Super Bowl, former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez went on trial on murder charges Thursday, watching from the defence table as prosecutors said DNA on a shell casing and security-camera video from his own home connect him to the crime.

Hernandez's lawyer countered that the NFL player had "the world at his feet" and had no reason to kill. He repeatedly told jurors that the athlete is innocent and said authorities "locked" in on him as a suspect early on, ignored evidence and conducted a "sloppy and unprofessional" investigation.

Hernandez, 25, is charged in the 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semi-pro football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. Lloyd's bullet-riddled body was found in an industrial park near Hernandez's North Attleborough, Mass., home.

Hernandez — who had a $40 million contract as a tight end but was cut by the Patriots just hours after his 2013 arrest — could get life in prison if convicted.

In a separate murder case that has yet to come to trial, Hernandez was charged last year in Boston with killing two men in 2012 after someone spilled a drink on him at a nightclub.

Prosecutors in this trial have suggested that Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about that crime. But the judge has ruled that prosecutors cannot tell the jury about those slayings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NBA**

### Davis hobbled by groin strain

Pelicans coach Monty Williams says all-star forward Anthony Davis has a mild groin strain and could play again as soon as Friday night against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Davis, who was hurt in Wednesday's 93-85 loss to Denver, had an MRI Thursday morning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Soccer**

### Villarreal sets up clash with Barca

Villarreal won 1-0 at Getafe to advance to a Copa del Rey semifinal against Barcelona on a 2-0 aggregate score on Thursday.

Gerard Moreno sealed Villarreal's place among the final four teams with a goal in the 78th minute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TFC. Cheyrou joins Reds

Benoit Cheyrou with Olympique de Marseille last May GETTY IMAGES

Toronto FC continued its upgrade Thursday, signing French midfielder Benoit Cheyrou.

The 33-year-old former Olympique de Marseille player gives the MLS club a formidable partnership with American international Michael Bradley in centre midfield.

Cheyrou, who parted ways with Marseille in October, brings a blue-chip resumé. He helped Marseille win the French league title in 2009-10 as well as three consecutive French League Cup wins in 2010, 2011, and 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NHL. Brodeur ends his playing days with a smile

Martin Brodeur may one day return to the New Jersey Devils, where he won three Stanley Cups and cemented his place as the goaltender with more wins than any other in NHL history.

Up first, though, is some serious time with the St. Louis Blues.

The 42-year-old Brodeur formally announced his retirement Thursday to take a front-office position with St. Louis, where he wrapped up his career after 21 outstanding years with the Devils.

"I'm leaving the game really, really happy," Brodeur said.

Over 22 seasons, Brodeur piled up a 691-397-176 record, 2.24 GAA and .912 save percentage in 1,266 regular-season games. The native of Montreal holds the league records for wins, shutouts, games played and minutes played. The two-time Olympic gold medallist also had 113 career post-season victories to go along with those three Cups and four Vezina Trophies as the NHL's top goaltender. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NHL. Coyotes top Leafs

For the balance of their losing streak, the Toronto Maple Leafs were done in by the goals they didn't score. It reached eight because of goals Jonathan Bernier should not have given up.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored from the other side of the centre red-line and Martin Hanzal from the goal-line as the Leafs lost to the Arizona Coyotes 3-1 Thursday night at Air Canada Centre. Toronto fell to 0-7-1 in its past eight games.

Bernier stopped 42 of the 45 shots he faced on a night the offensively-challenged Coyotes (17-25-6) carried the play.

**On Thursday**

| Coyotes | Maple Leafs |
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Despite keeping the Leafs (22-24-4) in the game for the first two periods, Bernier got some Bronx cheers for stopping a more harmless clear early in the third. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Today, the more certain people try to convince you that certain goals are beyond your reach the more determined you will be to prove them wrong.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
The planets urge you to show the world you have nothing to hide — even if you do! Pretend you don't have a care. Others will be taken in by your act.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Your main aim today and over the weekend must be to push yourself harder. Believe in your abilities and that you are capable of more and, in time, your belief will make it a fact.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Mars and Pluto are nicely aligned today and you could not wish for a better influence to get things done. It is, of course, up to you what you choose to do with your time.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Keep your problems in perspective over the next 24 hours. You may wish that life was easier but in the greater scheme of things your "problems" are opportunities for you to grow.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
According to the planets you can do a lot of people a lot of good but only if you join forces with those who share your opinions and beliefs.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You will soon be moving up in the world, which is good news for you but bad news for your rivals who will be moving down. Don't waste time feeling sorry for them.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You have a simple choice today: stand by your principles and lose out financially or reject your ideals and make money. How much will it cost you to buy your principles back?

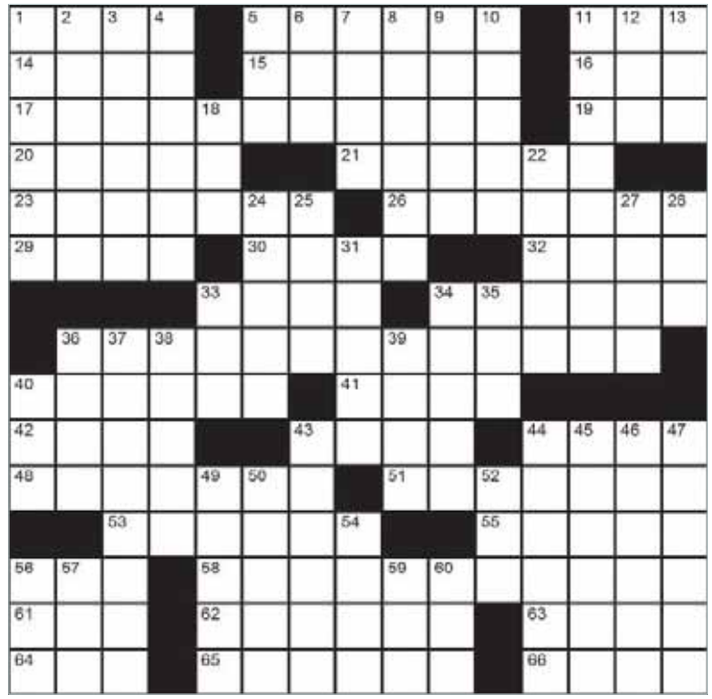
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You keep asking yourself all sorts of questions but the answers are so slow in coming. Don't let it worry you because some answers always take longer to arrive than others.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Certain people may be making life tough for you for no reason but that is no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Rise to the challenge and master it.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You may feel unprepared for the challenges that are coming your way but when it's time to act you will do so with courage and confidence.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You're lucky and if you don't believe it now you will this weekend. What you would attempt to do if you knew that success was guaranteed? Do it!

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



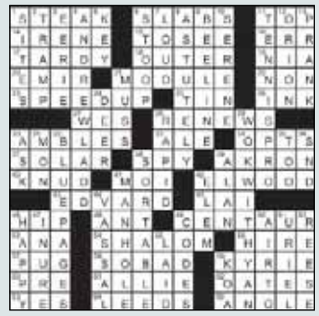
**Across**

1. Methods
5. Coffee menu items
11. Vancouver sch.
14. Stick _ __ in the water
15. Huge, in Hull
16. Philosopher, __-tzu
17. Winnipeg-born actor who is the voice of the computer HAL in #36-Across: 2 wds. (More at #58-Across!)
19. Samovar
20. Yawnsville
21. Bill Haley & His Comets hit word
23. Chateau __ (Historic building of 1705 that's a museum attraction in Old Montreal)
26. Despots
29. Slopes slider
30. Prunes
32. Former currency in Italy
33. Simple Minds singer Jim
34. Flipped up, as trousers
36. "2001: _ __ __" (1968)
40. Expects
41. House critters
42. Ruse
43. Groovy
44. Incline
48. Swiftly, in music
51. Piano performance
53. Articulate
55. Ancient marketplace
56. Compete
58. As per #17-Across, what HAL is short for... Heuristically programmed __ computer
61. Geog. feature
62. Steely Dan's "__' in the Years"
63. Prong
64. Positive gesture
65. 1974 Ray Stevens novelty song: "The __"
66. Wood sorrels

**Down**

1. Birds like the Ibis
2. Unkeyed, in music
3. Chicago hit of 1973: "Just __ '_' __"
4. Transitioned smoothly
5. __ & Perrins (Worcestershire sauce brand)
6. Ques. partner
7. Matador's victim
8. Pieces of land
9. English actress Ms. Blunt
10. Spanish courtesy title
11. Arctic cutting tool: 2 wds.
12. Exclude
13. "__ Air" (1997)
18. Ms. Hurley, briefly
22. The baby cow's
24. Sir Guinness'
25. From long ago
27. "South Park" co-creator Mr. Parker
28. Down
31. Movie trailer, e.g.
33. Nightspot in Broadway musical Cabaret, Kit __ Klub
34. Pedal
35. Operate
36. Missing from service, commonly
37. Queen Victoria's mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-__ (b.1786 - d.1861)
38. High-tech dot
39. Luxury label
40. Dermatology procedure, _ _ _ peel
43. Kind of eel
44. "Okay then!", Brit-style
45. AECL = __ Energy of Canada Limited
46. Spot to dock yachts
47. Locales
49. Thickening gums
50. Rent a house again
52. "So You Think You Can Dance" host Ms. Deeley
54. Lacquered metalware
56. Wine, in Paris
57. Prefix meaning 'Equal'
59. Narrow inlet
60.Drawing liquid

## Yesterday's Crossword



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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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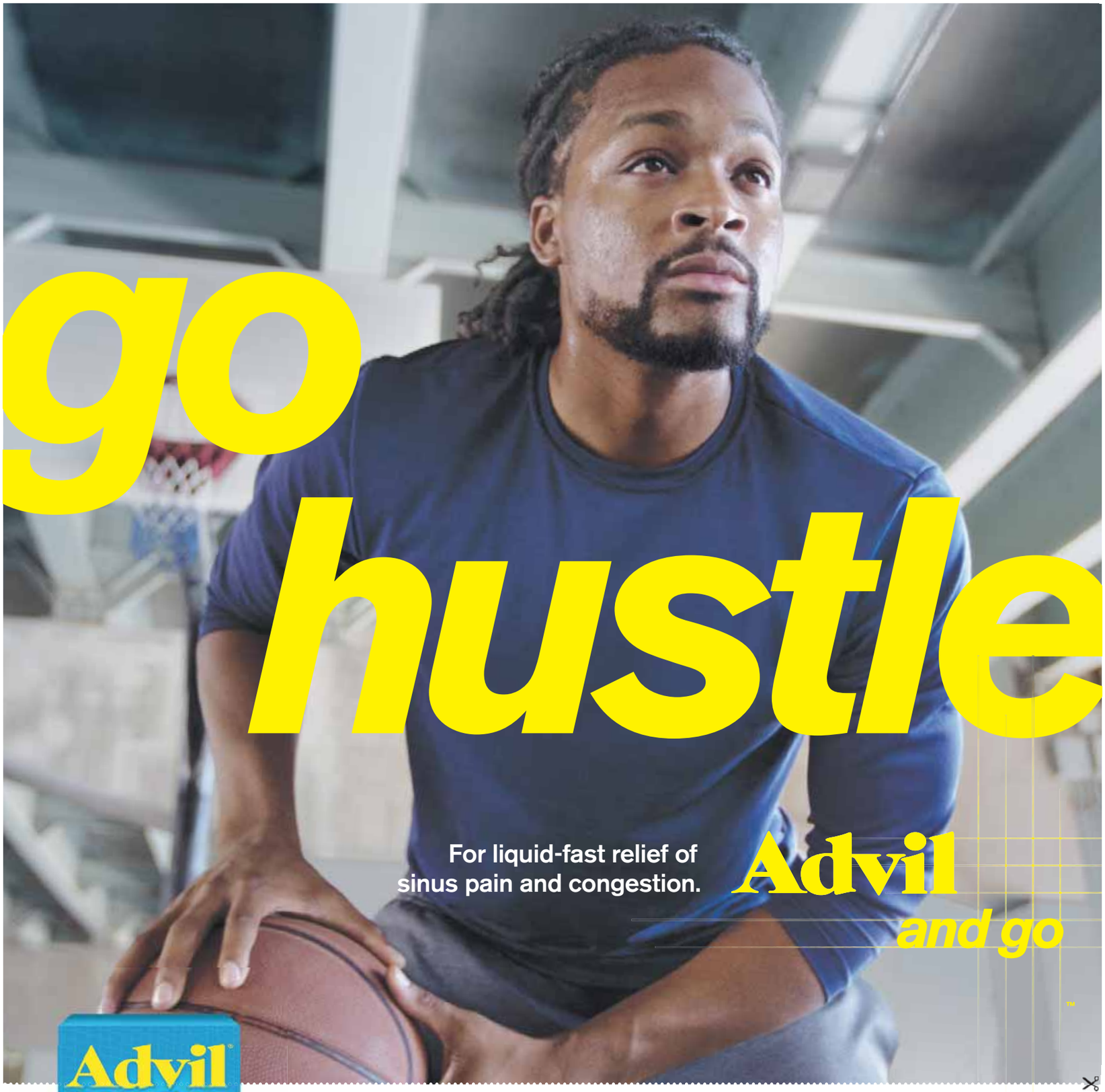


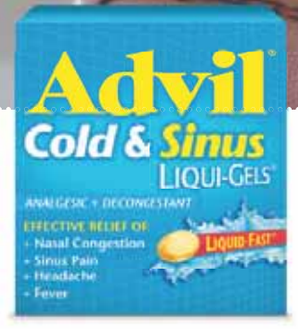


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